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## COMING EVENTS

First show of the Fall season will be **"The Sunshine Boys"** a wonderful comedy from Neil Simon about two elderly vaudevillians who are scheduled for a television special. The problem is they haven't spoken to each other for twelve years and have vowed never to work together again. David Sohn is directing the very welcome reappearance of two old-time theatre favorites—Herbert Rosefield and Don Cerra in the leads. It plays September 21 - 24.

Auditions will be scheduled soon for the long-awaited production of Tennessee Williams' **"A Streetcar Named Desire,"** to be directed by Katie Damron for production in October. Watch the Sumter Daily Item or call the theatre for further information.

The Production Board is currently setting the shows and directors for the 1984-85 season. If you would like to be considered for a production—or if there is a particular show you think the theatre ought to consider—call 775-7521 and let us know.







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# MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

by William Shakespeare

## CAST

(In Order Of Appearance)

Mr. Benton, the Mailman .....	George Spelvin
Leonato, Mayor of Messina .....	Richard Bohan
Beatrice, his niece who lives with him .....	Anne Toth
Hero, his lovely daughter .....	Betsy Hamby
Don Pedro, State Senator from the 5th District .....	Ware Martin
Corporal Benedick, an assistant on his staff .....	David Brown
Don John, Pedro's younger brother, fallen on evil ways .....	Larry Stoy
Lt. Claudio, Pedro's adjutant .....	Albert Little
Antonio, Leonato's older brother .....	Hunter Boyle
Conrade, a sharecropper's son from the country .....	Larry Perkins
Borachio, the son of immigrants from the wrong side of the tracks .....	Mark Lidman
Balthazar, an old family retainer .....	Billy Shaw
Margaret, a servant, no better than she ought to be .....	Joann Woolridge
Ursula, Hero's maid .....	Pam Anderson
Corporal Williams .....	Leslie Perkins
Sheriff Dogberry .....	Mike Cunningham
Verges, a special deputy .....	David Norwood
Hugh Oatcake .....	Johathan Teseniar
George Seacoal .....	John Perkins
Watchman .....	Dan Linder
Friar Francis, a freshly graduated seminarian .....	Van Clarkson
Judge .....	Randy Abbott

The action takes place in and around the old family plantation of the Leonato family in Messina, a small town about 50 miles from Columbia, South Carolina. The time is 1937, when life was more leisurely and leisure was more lively.



## A DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Scholars may object to the seeming liberties we have taken in moving Messina to South Carolina from Sicily, where Shakespeare pretended it was. Actually, almost no liberties have been taken with the script except to make a number of small cuts in the interest of saving time. And as for robbing the play of its Sicilian setting, may I point out that Shakespeare's names for the two Watchmen—George Seacoal and Hugh Oatcake—are scarcely Italian.

There are only a few settings in which Shakespeare's theme of honor sullied will work—and he knew it. One is the very volatile Italy, home of the Mafiosi and peasant vendettas. Another might be 18th Century Spain, or perhaps Scotland. Certainly the site I have chosen—the Gallant South in the Depression years—is just as valid and brings the theme home to our audiences in terms they can understand most easily.

Anyway, you can find fault if you like, because it's there to be found. I would hope instead that you would simply enjoy the unfolding of the wild and wonderful world that Shakespeare created.

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Producer ..... Linda Day  
 Director ..... Gary Heilsberg  
 Special Assistant ..... Doris Egbert  
 Stage Manager ..... Larry Stoy  
 Costumes ..... Betsy Hamby, Chairman  
    Cheryl Wilcox, Linda Day,  
    Anne Toth, Gary Heilsberg  
 Props ..... Larry Perkins, Chairman  
    Shelley McKinley, Van Clarkson  
 Sound ..... Blanding Jones

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Each year, Sumter Little Theatre presents awards for theatrical excellence as voted by members of the audience. We ask you to assist us in making these awards by marking this ballot and placing it in the black box near the driveway as you leave.

### OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A LEADING ROLE (Vote for one only, please)

..... Richard Bohan

..... Ware Martin

..... David Brown

..... Ann Toth

..... Albert Little

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A SUPPORTING ROLE (Two awards will be given in this category. Please write the names of your two favorites in the spaces below.)

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